

Mahathir is the unspoken kingmaker in Umno
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your sayPemerhati: If the truth was known to all the Malaysians, especially the poor and the lower middle classes, they would hate former PM Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

This is because he and his cronies and his present successors in BN have stolen billions of the people's money (currently estimated at RM60 billion annually) and consequently many people still remain mired in poverty and struggle to pay their bills.

Mahathir got rid of TNB (Tenaga Nasional Berhad) chief Ani Arope because he objected to a crooked IPP (independent power producer) deal that would burden the consumers.

Mahathir made that deal with Francis Yeo of YTL and is reported to have got a 30 percent in kickbacks, but now all Malaysians have to pay high tariffs because of that lop-sided deal.

But both Mahathir and Yeo have become billionaires as a result of the contributions of each and every Malaysian who pays the exorbitant electricity bills.

Now would every Malaysian, who switches on the electricity every day and struggles to pay the high bills, love or hate Mahathir? The tolled roads are yet another Mahathir rip-off.

Hang Babeuf: Dr M says: "Last time when Abdullah (Ahmad Badawi) wasn't good to me, the people did not support BN. So some people still have some sympathy for me."

It is an entirely novel, and bizarre, "take" on the nation's recent political history to assert that the voters and nation turned against Umno-BN in 2008 because Pak Lah had been insufficiently friendly and respectful towards Tun Che Det.

Seeing such astonishing claims made makes you wonder. Do they really believe this kind of nonsense?

Or do they believe the rakyat are stupid enough to swallow it? That people will buy and believe this drivel simply because they, in their twilight dotage, are prepared to utter these idiocies?

Timothy: Mahathir not in control of PM Najib Razak? Just one obvious example - Khairy Jamaluddin won the Umno Youth election, he was not given a minister's post. Mahathir's son lost, but he became a deputy minister.

Mahathir, is this Najib's choice or your choice? In actual fact, Mahathir is the 'kingmaker' in Umno. He destroyed Abdullah and installed Najib as Umno president and PM.

Abasir: Watch the racist in action - by creating fear and anxiety among unthinking Malays. He first says that the kingmakers in the coming elections will be the Chinese; next, he paints himself as the helpless target of a hate campaign by a Chinese politician.

The goal of this veteran operator is to create a Chinese bogeyman ... one that will presumably drive the uninformed, unthinking Malays towards Umno.

Don't Play-Play: Dearest Tun M, the opposition hates you because you have given the rakyat the good life during your 22 years of stewardship of the country. All the development that you have done has benefitted them.

Mega projects provides mega convenience to the rakyat. The Penang bridge is a gem and helped polish the dull 'Pearl of the Orient'. The KLIA (Kuala Lumpur International Airport) is a marvel, making flying a norm.

The major highways are a welcome convenience that allow DAP leader Lim Kit Siang and his enlarged families to make it in time for the 'big makan' on CNY (Chinese New Year) eve. No more the need for the 12-hour drive from KL to Penang through the federal route 1 during such festivals.

Yes sir, I also do not understand why he hates you so much.

Compass: You don't put scores of people in detention indefinitely and have the deputy prime minister arrested and punched to a pulp and still claim that you did it for the country.

Mahathir, you are confusing yourself with the country. You have done some good things, but many terrible things. Can you ever understand that?

Multi Racial: We have to set the record straight. Malaysians voted against BN in 2008 because of the corruption and racialism practised by BN.

Certainly it has nothing to do with support for Mahathir for his mistreatment by the Abdullah administration. To us, Abdullah, Mahathir and PM Najib Razak are all the same. They are from a racist party and all of them are not sincere.

In fact, Abdullah and Najib were handpicked by Mahathir. So if they are lousy, the fault lies with Mahathir as he has to be responsible for choosing lousy successors.

The next election it is going to be the worst for BN. This is because despite the strong message sent by the voters in 2008, BN continue to be arrogant and corruption has gotten even worse.

Headhunter: I don't know if Mahathir can call it hate. But certainly many Malaysians have lost their respect for him. And it's all self-inflicted.

He abused and systematically destroyed all the various public institutions in the country. Most of the ills in the country today can be traced back to him. His policies became the conduit to massive corruption, which is still being practiced today.

Sad to say, history will remember him as the father of corruption and will certainly overrides whatever good he did for the country while he was the PM.

As many have advised, the best thing for him to do now is to fully retire from politics and concentrate on his bread business instead of interfering in everything the Najib government does and promoting racist organisations such as Perkasa.

And stop blaming Abdullah for abandoning the projects he started. The crooked bridge was

a foolhardy idea in the first place, meant to enrich Mahathir and his cronies and we Malaysians thank Abdullah for putting a stop to it.

Wira: Mahathir, Kit Siang is an elected MP and he is voicing out what many of us feel about you and your recent actions to sow fear and hatred so as to prevent a Pakatan Rakyat victory in Putrajaya.

Someone must be held accountable for the rampant corruption and the political manipulation of the judiciary, MACC (Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission), the police force and the prosecution office. History must be set right for posterity.

Vinod: I'm no fan of Mahathir, but respect must be accorded and points against him must be factual and not emotional or based on sentiment.

You have to understand he is a master chess player in politics, and if you want to beat him, you have to make equally masterful moves.

Gunner: Perhaps a million of people in Sabah who benefitted from the so-called 'Projek IC' would be very thankful to Mahathir. But locals who are now outnumbered, and therefore a minority in their own state, hate him very much.

Mahathir, by now, you should have already known why so many people dislike you.

Edge of Town: You had put someone, his son and his friends in prison without trial under the ISA. You waste away years of his life - and those of his son's and friends' - years that they cannot reclaim from you or anybody else, and now you have the gall to say 'I don't know why he hates me so much'?

Just be grateful if he - and many others - don't dance on your grave.

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